

Students face tuition hike

By Catherine O'Brien

Conestoga College students received disheartening news Jan. 21 when Premier Bob Rae made a province-wide budget announcement on the state of the economy.

But the news was no surprise to college president John Tibbits or administration.

"We have known for quite some time that transfer payments would be low," Tibbits said.

Transfer payments from the provincial government for education will increase by a historic low of 1 per cent for the 1992-93 fiscal year, Treasurer Floyd Laughren announced.

Tibbits also said that Kevin Mullan, vice president of finance, told him Jan. 22 that tuition fees would be increasing by 7 per cent in the fall as a result.

What this means for students is

that they can expect to face a tuition rise of approximately \$56 in the fall said Betty Martin of the registrar's office.

"From our point of view we did not want to see the students put in a situation where they can't make ends meet," Tibbits said.

"At the same time, if the college can't meet its financial obligations that has to have an impact on students as well."

Martin also said there will be additional cost increases.

"There are compulsory fees like the student activity fee, and those fees have not been established yet," she said.

Mullan said the college never increases tuition, rather it is set by the province annually.

"We have no control over tuition. It goes up every year," he said.

Mullan said the tuition increase was in line with what he had ex-

pected it would be, "but it's going to be three years of very tight times."

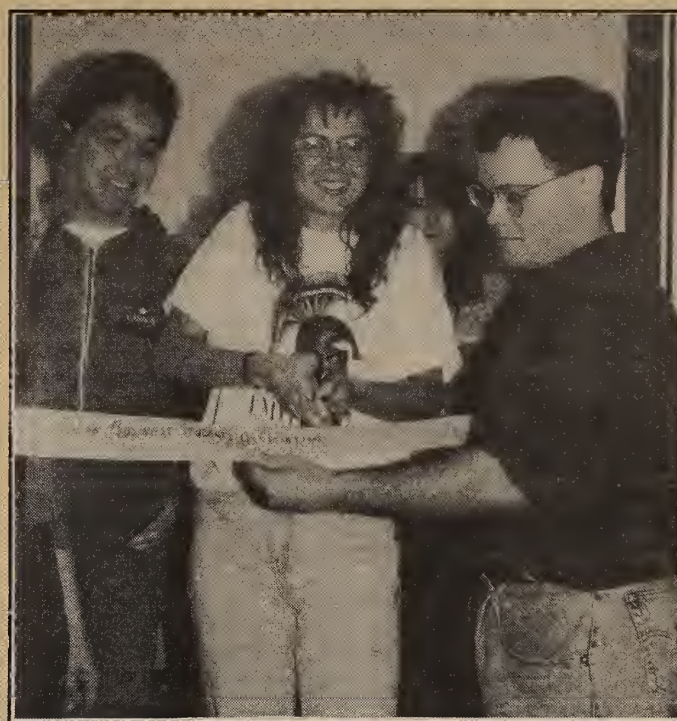
Local papers have reported the low transfer payment increases could limit school enrolment, but Tibbits said this will not be the case because demand is so great.

He said the college will grow somewhat this year, but would prefer to stagger growth over three years.

"That would be the best for us because we would not have to add facilities or staff because someone can teach sixteen students as well as they can teach twelve students," he said.

The Rae government also announced a 2 per cent transfer increase for the next two years.

This is the first time the government has announced transfer levels for three years in a row. It is usually done on an annual basis.



Grand opening

From left, DBSA vice-president Steve Thompson, DBSA president Jen Dellow and Dan Pereira cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new business computer room at Doon campus.

(Photo by Tammy Caron)

OSAP investigates loan frauds

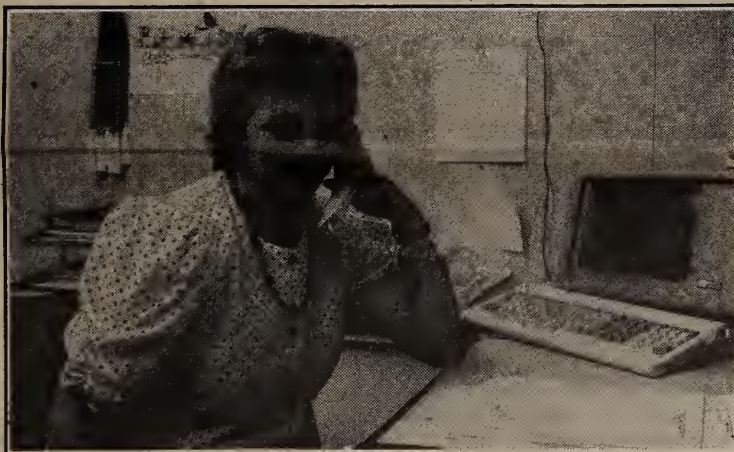
By Ilana C. Dadds

Conestoga College Registrar Betty Martin said that although there have been no cases of Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) frauds reported to her office, they do occur, and students should report any suspected misuse.

"The only way to stop abuse is for people to come forward and release the names of abusers of the system so it can be investigated," said Martin.

At the same time, Martin said, informers are cautioned to be aware of misleading appearances.

For example, a student with wealthy parents may in fact be an independent in the eyes of the federal and provincial governments. A student might be from a prestigious family, but that does not mean the student is receiving any money from the family.



Registrar Betty Martin works at her Doon campus office, (Photo by Ilana C. Dadds)

Martin said that if a student is fairly sure the person they suspect has committed OSAP fraud, they should arrange to speak with her.

She said the identity of the informant would not be revealed.

"We would keep that in confidence. The information would be sent directly from Conestoga College to the OSAP referral department without the name of the See Loan, page 3

Poor weather closes school

By Jayson Hunt

Barry Milner, director of physical resources at Doon campus, said student safety was a major issue in the decision to close the college Jan. 14.

"The major concern was the 90-kilometre winds which created a lot of havoc on the roads, and the City of Kitchener said they were going to pull the plows off the roads," Milner said.

"That really leaves a lot of concern for us because it is fine that we (Conestoga College) may be able to keep our area open but what happens when people have to leave — definitely safety is a big factor."

He also spoke with the weather office at 11:15 a.m. and stayed in contact with the office in order to make an educated decision on whether the college should close.

There are a number of people involved in the decision to close, Milner said, including the campus principal and other deans within other Conestoga campuses.

"You have to really check the facts before a decision like closure is considered," Milner said.

Milner cited an incident approximately two or three years ago in which the weather was similar.

The school announced closings of both day and night classes but shortly after, the weather cleared up.

Preparations for 25th anniversary continue

By M. Coleen Bellemare

Conestoga College turns 25 in the fall of 1992 and, to commemorate the event, the college is publishing a book marking the passing of the school's first quarter century.

John MacKenzie, vice-president of student development and human resources, first heard of the project idea in November of 1991.

He jumped at the chance to pull together the needed resources for the project.

"I knew I had to get going on it right away, and began to co-ordinate the various areas of the project, such as writing, graphics and cost," MacKenzie said.

"I asked Dean Robinson and Matt Miller if they would be willing to take the project on and involve their

students.

"I also asked John Sawicki to get up-front costing."

"I asked Robinson to oversee the writing because I had seen some of his previous work involving historical writing, such as a book on Howie Morenz and one called the Stratford Y," MacKenzie said.

"I think a project like this, coming along once every 25 years, is a good opportunity to produce something that will have some significance to the college," he said.

Dean Robinson, an instructor in the journalism-print department, said he is supervising the researching and writing of the history done by students in the Journalism 5 class.

Students in the magazine production class are acting as an editorial group doing preliminary research

to help develop story ideas.

They also have the option of submitting a story for the book, although it is not a requirement for completion of the course.

"It's a big project but it should be manageable if it gets co-operation from people throughout the college," Robinson said.

"It is a great opportunity for everybody involved, especially for the students. Often the stories that journalism students write are never seen beyond people in the department."

"This is an opportunity to produce something that is going to become part of the College's literary record."

"The research and writing must be done by May," he said.

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Magazine production students, from left, Jamie Slater, Ken Cenerelli and Mary-Louise Skornyak search through the archives looking for anniversary material.

(Photo by M. Coleen Bellemare)

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There is no such thing as eternal patience



By Renee Ammendolia

It was 10:10 p.m., and my brain was numb. I couldn't think of a thing to write. In fact, I was considering just giving up and going to bed.

My reason? I'd had it up to here (I'm pointing to my head). I was grouchy, tired, in no mood to think.

Yet, this column had to be written. I thought about what to write and became more annoyed when my brain didn't whip out ideas at top speed.

I became downright angry. And then, the bulb flashed inside my head ... **patience!** I need to have patience.

Where was my patience? Why didn't I have any ... especially when I needed it?

It was then that I decided I should explore this.

I have come to the conclusion that most of my generation hasn't been raised to be patient. No insult intended, but we must admit that we don't have to wait very long for anything.

Examples?

A lot of people don't have to stand in line at the bank — not anymore. After all, there are now machines at our service, 24 hours a day. And, if your employer directly deposits your paycheque, you've got it made.

Once upon a time, you had to wait forever to find the movie you wanted to see in the TV listings. Now you can run out to your local video store and get it ... no questions asked.

Hungry?

Why wait for the oven when the microwave will zap that baby in no time flat? After all, you have a movie to watch and who wants to wait?

There used to be a time when people had to walk up stairs to get from floor to floor? Remember? I don't. I don't think I was born then. But I do hear people complain that elevators don't go fast enough.

Every second counts ... damn it!

And what about that person driving in front of you. Doesn't he know that you don't have all day? ... vroom, vroom.

Even with losing weight there is no patience. Wait a few months and you may lose a few inches.

What? I can't wait that long, I want instant results!

Looking around, I realize that I had better learn to be a bit more patient instead of freaking out when things don't get done as fast as I'd like.

If I don't, I think one of these days I'm going to lose my mind. Everything is too easy these days. But it won't always be that way.

It wouldn't hurt to remember that!

Letters to the editor

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OPINION

ONTARIO TAXPAYERS HELP LOW INCOME STUDENTS PAY FOR EDUCATION



The name Kitchener has a nice ring to it

What's in a name?

The name Kitchener brings about thoughts of people celebrating Oktoberfest. While the name Berlin, brings thoughts of a capital city of a country whose political philosophy led to two world wars.

Somehow, Kitchener has a nicer ring to it.

The recent name-change debate started when Harry Currie, a retired local high school teacher, suggested Kitchener change its name back to Berlin.

Kitchener was originally called Berlin, but at the outbreak of the First World War, Berlin held a referendum to change its name amid anti-German sentiment and an eye to commerce.

Currie wrote, that Kitchener, named after Britain's Lord Kitchener, "the inventor of the modern-day concentration camp", was unsuitable.

Currie wrote several editorial letters to the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, suggesting city council change the name back to the pre-war name like Leningrad did with St. Petersburg.

The issue has now prompted several articles in the paper and garnered nation-wide interest.

Currie even achieved his goal of getting the idea to council. But council voted unanimously Jan. 13 to keep the name Kitchener.

This was the second time in recent months that council has been in the middle of a controversial

debate.

The city was going to ban a showing of Oh! Calcutta, a Broadway musical that contains nudity. The city eventually relented and let the show go on.

Some jokers said that if the name should be changed — the city should now be called Calcutta.

But I'm glad that the city went about it logically and came up with the right decision. Just think of the cost to change everything back to Berlin.

All signs, maps, gas bills, sports teams and businesses would have to convert to the new (or old) name. Not that there wouldn't be an abundance of help from others.

There are 12 Berlins around the world already ... but there is only one city named Kitchener.

The name Kitchener has been used for a town in British Columbia, a lake in Newfoundland and a railway stop in Australia.

Kitchener is a unique entity in a world of conformity.

And what if, God forbid, another war was started by Germany.

Would we change the name back because we didn't want to identify ourselves with "them"? Would there be another referendum?

The name Kitchener has suited me for 21 years and almost everyone else, except Currie, for 76 years.

Let's leave well enough alone.

—Ken Cenerelli

Stop complaining and do something

Getting involved.

You hear it everyday.

Someone griping about one politician or another.

"Bob Rae is going to ruin the province," or "Brian Mulroney has destroyed Canada."

Most people feel our country seems to be falling apart, but the problem is that NO ONE does anything about it!

Everyday there are opportunities for people to change their personal destiny but most of the time they let opportunity slip through their fingers.

When you see the problems Canada is facing and you need someone to point a finger at ... just look in the mirror.

There was a real opportunity recently for our students to get involved, but it was all but ignored.

John White, Conestoga College's representative on the Progressive Conservative Youth Council, set up a booth in the cafeteria Jan. 13. He waited in the cafeteria for hours looking for people to sign up.

To be recognized by the PC council he needed at least 10 people, but he didn't even get half that number. Out of the thousand students on campus, White couldn't get five signatures.

Even if you don't support the Tories, it was a chance to talk to him and find out what they have to offer.

I guess Conestoga College students already know enough about the political process to bother wasting their "precious" time.

But, ANOTHER chance to get involved has presented itself.

The Doon Student Association is looking for interested people to run in the next college election.

With all the griping about how the school is run, you would think people would be jumping at the chance to become part of the school's political process.

Complaining about a problem is a lot easier than doing something about it.

The DSA has so much trouble finding people to run for office, sometimes nominees are merely acclaimed because there is no one else for the job.

When they do have enough people running for positions, they have trouble getting people to vote. If you choose not to get involved, then obviously you forfeit the right to complain.

Have you heard the story about the man in wartime Germany who watched his neighbors one by one being dragged away by the Nazis?

The man did not speak out or try to stop them. He always thought that someone else would do it ... someone else would stop them.

One day there was a knock on his door, the secret police had come to take him away. As he looked around for help, he realized everyone was gone. He was alone.

It was too late for anyone to take action.

The message of this editorial: Go out into the world, keep your eyes open, go to council meetings, talk to politicians, and get involved—before it's too late to do anything about our futures.

Think about it!

—Ted Hodgins

Students are warned: watch credit card limit

By Ilana C. Dadds

Every time students go into the campus bookstore, they see pamphlets advertising credit and how to apply for whatever credit card they may desire.

"We want to open accounts for students," said Dawne Belcourt, manager of account services for the Kitchener Credit Central of Sears.

Belcourt said retailers want to give students a chance, by giving them a small credit limit.

"We want to because they are our future customers."

Trusting them to establish a credit history with the company will increase their line of credit in the future.

But the most important part of being an account holder, said Belcourt, is "realizing the importance of keeping those payments coming in monthly."

Everytime a student, or any other customer, falls behind in payments, it is reported to the credit bureau, Belcourt said.

If bank accounts and credit cards are established in Kitchener, then the Kitchener credit bureau would possess a file of that person's information.

All credit card and bank loan pay-

ment information must be reported to the bureau monthly.

Whether the news is good or bad, all creditors will have access to that personal history.

That information, said Belcourt, will stay on the credit bureau file for seven years, and unless the credit card company or bank is at fault, the information cannot be changed.

"Be aware of what you're signing for," said Marlene Hergott, a supervisor under Belcourt.

"Don't over extend yourself," she advises.

"Establish your credit and make it work for you. You have 25 days to pay your bill.

"So, keep your money in the bank and make your payment when it is due."

For those who overextend themselves and get behind in payments, both Hergott and Belcourt said the best plan of action is to pay in regular monthly instalments until the debt is gone.

Making smaller monthly payments is better than making no payment at all.

After the debt is paid, Hergott suggests: "Try to establish credit on a smaller scale, with a smaller line of credit — something you can handle."



Security officer Jim Brady cuts off a lock from an unassigned locker to remove contents. (Photo by Shelly Kraft)

Security not responsible for locker assignment, just locker eviction

By Renee Ammendolla

When students at Conestoga College Doon campus find notices on lockers requesting they vacate them, college security says it is not directly responsible.

Security officer Jim Brady said recently the assigning of lockers is the responsibility of the campus bookstore. Since the bookstore (and its staff) isn't physically in the school, security takes care of locker problems.

If someone is using a locker assigned to someone else, we ask that person to move, Brady said. "If they don't, we may have to evict them."

A formal note is put on the locker giving an offender 24 hours to remove their property. If the contents are not removed, they are taken to the security office.

"A student getting the locker must tell us if it hasn't been vacated," Brady said.

"They don't usually think of that. If we just went ahead, we could cut off the lock that belongs to the person who is supposed to be there."

Brady said that his busiest time with locker problems was after the teachers' strike at the college in 1989, due to forgotten combinations.

He said that the students were out for a month, and that he had to cut over 30 locks.

"Occasionally, someone has a key lock and locks their key in the locker," Brady said. "Or some people write down their combinations and keep it in their locker which doesn't help them much."

The security office receives two or three lists each year concerning locker assignments. If the bookstore is really busy, they get updates every week or two.

Brady said that sometimes a locker is double-booked but it is not a major problem at Doon campus.

"Usually the person who is already in the locker will come to security and tell us they paid for it," Brady said. "We then call the bookstore and have them check their records. Then we send the second person over to be assigned a different locker."

"It doesn't mean we can't slip up, but we try to avoid it," Brady added.

Loan frauds investigated

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student who came forward," she explained.

Before a complaint would be forwarded to the department, Martin said, the registrar's office would first do some checking of their own. Then, if Martin was confident the case was a possible fraud, she would send it on to be further investigated.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities has set up investigation branches in Toronto and Thunder Bay (the OSAP head office) to research and prosecute offenders.

"There are about two to three hundred (reports) that would be looked at in the course of the year," said Doug Anderson of the student support branch in Thunder Bay.

The OSAP investigations office, Anderson said, will usually refer extreme cases to the police. Otherwise they assess the situation and ask the student for the money back.

OSAP fraud occurs when a student lies on their loan application, dishonestly negotiates the loan, or accepts a loan without attending school.

In one recent case, Claudette Silvera of Toronto applied for and received \$3,100. Silvera pleaded guilty to fraud over \$1,000 after taking money and not paying tuition or even attending the semester she received the assistance for.

She was sentenced to probation for one year and 60 hours of community service. She now has a criminal record.

In another case, Matthew D. Drew was ordered to pay back \$19,740 of Canada Student Loan Assistance after he spent about three years in Florida without so much as attending one class.

He was found guilty of four criminal charges and was also fined \$10,000.

Letter to the editor

Flashback

Dear Editor:

I hope I can resolve Shelly Kraft's dilemma about terminology for the opposing sex regarding the column Are we dating men or boys, in the Jan. 20, 1992 issue of Spoke.

If she was to delve through back issues of Spoke, she would find a label that she used in a previous article, (Oct. 7, 1991, Are men enemies or allies?).

She may introduce male acquaintances as "...Rick, a Symbol of the Enemy."

Rob Glennie
Second-year electronics

By Tammy Caron

Technical students at the Doon and Guelph campuses have the opportunity to demonstrate their talents in a national competition, by joining Conestoga College's Skills Canada Club.

Based in Ontario, Skills Canada is a three-year-old student-operated, and industry-supported association.

It provides opportunities through competitions and leadership seminars for high school and college students to gain recognition for their work from professionals in the industry.

Julie McNab, a first-year wood-working manufacturing management student, is organizer of the club's affiliation with Conestoga College.

Now that the club has been accepted by college faculty, McNab is trying to encourage students to enter the 1992 Ontario Skills Competition (OSC) in Pickering, Ont., on May 8 and 9.

"I know there are students at the college who have had previous association with Skills Canada in high school, so my hopes are to bring those people out," MacNab said.

At the college level of the OSC, there are to be 15 categories open for competition, allowing students

to compete in a variety of fields such as precision machinery, cabinet making and electronics technology.

"There are other areas I know our college students could compete in, but Skills Canada doesn't have those competitions yet," McNab said.

To qualify for the competition, students must be a member of Skills Canada.

"Different industries will sponsor different categories."
— McNab

Conestoga College paid \$175 to become an affiliated member with Skills Canada, McNab said.

"The industry also helps fund it," McNab said. "Different industries will sponsor different categories."

Last year's competition was held at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

Gold winners from the competition were sent to the U.S. Skills Olympics in Louisville, Ky.

Last year's winner from Conestoga, for electronics was Glen Weller and McNab was a silver medal winner last year for cabinet making.



Julie McNab

Even though she didn't receive gold, McNab attended the competition in Kentucky because the gold medal winner was unable to participate.

Although Skills Canada is an Ontario-based association, this year's competition will include contestants from British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec.

Students interested in going to the competition will be chosen according to their performance.

This year, it's more organized so the process of choosing the students will be a lot more established, probably by an internal competition, McNab added.

Conestoga program achieves global respect

By M. Coleen Bellemare

Conestoga College's scholastic reputation is known as far away as Malaysia since the Sabah Foundation of Malaysia discovered that Conestoga's woodworking program is the best in the world.

The foundation found Conestoga's woodworking program to be reputable and sent five people from the foundation to the College to look into it.

Finding the program satisfactory, Manuel Sakial, Vincent Wong and Augustine Nevil were chosen to enroll in the two-year woodworking technician program in September 1991.

"The Sabah Foundation is starting a new woodworking institution and we were sent here to get new information in furniture making for it," Sakial said.

Sakial will be a teacher at the institution when it is formed. He has had 10 years experience in the

woodworking field as a teacher at the Industrial Training Institute in Kuala Lumpur and at other campuses of the school.

Nevil and Wong were enrolled in the institute where Sakial was teaching and were chosen by the foundation to take the woodworking program because they were his two best students.

Sakial, Nevil and Wong are not only learning woodworking here, they are also perfecting their English.

"When I was going to school (in Malaysia) most of the courses were taught in English, so I know how to speak it pretty well. I find the slang expressions the hardest to get used to," Sakial said.

Nevil and Wong are not as well versed in English as Sakial since they were only required to take 45 minutes of it every week.

"We don't have a problem with reading English. We mainly have problems with speaking it," Nevil

said.

Although Sakial, Nevil and Wong are mainly concerned with learning woodworking, they have taken the time to tour southwestern Ontario by taking trips that are part of the program.

They have been to Durham to visit a furniture making factory and a veneer factory, to Niagara Falls and to the Royal Ontario Museum.

"We learned about Niagara Falls in school but we didn't ever think we'd have a chance to go there. We're glad we had the opportunity to see it in person. It is beautiful," Sakial said.

Another experience they have had, that can't be had in Malaysia, is snow. The blizzard on Tuesday Jan. 14, gave them an excellent opportunity to fully discover the novelty.

"We didn't go outside at all on Tuesday. The wind was too strong. The snow is beautiful, but we don't like the cold," Sakial said.



From left, Manuel Sakial, Augustine Nevil and Vincent Wong work on a zig zag splicer in the Woodworking Centre of Ontario. (Photo by M. Coleen Bellemare)

Woodworking program adapts to economic changes

By M.L. Skomyak

The woodworking industry has not been left unscathed by the ravages of the current recession. But there are jobs available and Conestoga College's Doon campus woodworking students are learning the skills they need to meet the changing industry, program co-ordinator Mark Bramer said recently.

"Jobs are harder to find, that's not news to anybody. But we believe that our graduates are prepared to meet the demands of today's job market requirements."

Bramer, who graduated in 1981 from the Conestoga College woodworking program, said the course structure is continually examined to determine how it meets industrial standards and demands, and changes to the program are made when deemed necessary.

"Woodworking has taken a real

set back during this recession. At the same time, there is work out there. But the skills of the workers are changing and we're having to evaluate our program to see if what we are teaching are the skills that are needed."

Like many other fields, woodworking has come to depend upon computer technology. As a result, in 1981 the program introduced computers and has been shifting towards a greater computer emphasis ever since, Bramer said.

"Computers were non-existent or scarce in the woodworking industry a few years ago. Now it is a fairly common practice to walk into a woodworking industry, no matter the size, and see something done with computers. Thus we have had to modify our program."

In September, the woodworking department, which offers a two-year technician diploma and an ap-

prenticeship course, added a new one-year post-diploma program.

"It is a good time to be in school," Bramer said, "in the sense that the jobs are not plentiful. Many students are deciding to further their education now, rather than waiting a few years after they start their careers."

At the same time, the technician diploma program was altered to incorporate work experience in a co-operative education structure. The first students in this program will be graduating at the end of this summer, Bramer said.

"I'm positive that the schooling they are receiving here is going to prepare them for the industry out there. We are telling grads to be more flexible. My message to graduates has changed only in this: you can't restrict yourself to one region or one area when looking for employment."

"We are graduating more students from our program than we ever have in the past. And it just happens to be coinciding with probably one of the toughest economic times."

Bramer said the characteristics of the typical student enrolling in the program are changing, in part due to the failing economy.

"We are finding a more mature student, an older student, coming back to school to acquire a skill or a trade," Bramer said.

"Most of these students have had a good-paying job that has suddenly disappeared. They realized they don't have a skill trade or papers and now they're coming back to school."

The employment process in the woodworking industry is changing. A good resume and strong interview skills are becoming more important to landing a job, Bramer said.

In the past, if you had the skills an employer was looking for, you were hired, he said.

"I see that changing, with an employer wanting to acquire a certain type of person. I believe a resume and being able to conduct yourself properly in an interview is becoming more significant."

Bramer, who graduated during the last economic recession, said woodworking students should remain optimistic — there are jobs available and Conestoga College students are trained to meet the requirements of these jobs.

"We are breaking new ground, because the type of jobs that are going to be obtained are different than those in the past."

"There is going to be a different calibre of student and they are going to want to obtain a different calibre of education," Bramer said.

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First-year student forms affordable software organization

By Renee Ammendolia

Due to the efforts of a first-year computer programmer analyst student business owners can now seek out a team of students from Conestoga College Doon campus to create affordable software for them.

The organization has been in existence for two months and in this time, Michael Hornyak has recruited half a dozen students. Their job is to create different kinds of software. His organization offers graphics utilities, system security and games, but their specialty is with business application software. "The business is really growing," Hornyak said. "I am looking for

more students to work for me when it gets more organized. I should soon be at the point where I can take on a lot more students."

Hornyak said he is keeping his activities within the college for now. He said that business owners know the students are up to date and it promotes the college.

He said he got his first client by going door to door asking different businesses to put up a flyer. He said it was just a matter of going out and doing it.

Hornyak has five years experience with computer programming. His father owns Hornyak-Ram, a programming company which has been in business for 15-16 years.

There, Hornyak acquired his pro-

gramming skills. He worked on business packages and custom software over the years and worked with his father on different programs.

Hornyak decided, when he started the college computer program to put his own skills to use as well as get students involved in his business venture.

"Programming is basically trial and error. As long as you think logically you won't have a lot of problems."
—Hornyak

He said it would be good experience for them, get their foot in the door, let them practice things they learned in college.

"I could teach them things sooner," Hornyak said. "So that when they come to it in their classes, they would already know it and this would help their marks. It's almost like having a tutor."

"For a lot of students a part time job would be beneficial," Hornyak said. "So why not work in the field

that you are training for?"

Hornyak said he went to a couple of computer classes asking students if they were interested in making a few dollars by creating software.

He then handed out a sheet requesting names, addresses and phone numbers. He said five people from his own class contacted him.

He said it was near exam time when he handed out the sheet which is probably why more students didn't sign up.

"People are busy, don't have extra time or think they aren't good enough," Hornyak said. "They can learn. Programming is basically trial and error. As long as you think logically, you won't have a lot of problems."

He said it is mostly trial and error when designing games and graphics, but that business processing is basic information. The programs are written in user-friendly english, telling the person using the software what to do.

"Our software doesn't require outside training," Hornyak said. "An employer can train his own staff. There are no complicated procedures, so the work can be done by employees. It saves a lot of time."

"A lot of times people don't want

to spend a lot of money," Hornyak said. "Some prices are ridiculous. So when a business is fairly small and trying to save money we offer them flexibility at a lower price."

The difference between his organization and other software businesses, he said, is that his software is designed specifically for the business, whereas when a company purchases software from a larger business, they must adapt themselves to the software.

The organization also offers computer consulting and technical support.

He also offers a satisfaction guarantee, in which if the purchaser is not happy with the software, it will be rewritten until they are satisfied.

"It's business etiquette and should be expected when a person purchases a service," Hornyak said.

Hornyak said the main bulk of work is completed within the first couple of weeks and after that they just work on corrections and formats.

The whole process normally could take a month.

He said that he now has a work overload and is hoping to have more students get involved.

Hornyak hopes to eventually have branches across North America.

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Book highlights anniversary celebrations

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"Then we have four to five months to design, layout, and publish the book. We're looking toward the College to help design it. For example, the graphics department and students knowledgeable in desktop publishing."

Matt Miller, the third year graphics instructor, said, "Third year graphics students will be working on a logo for the book as a class project but we don't know any of the particulars yet."

Miller was scheduled to attend a meeting with the Alumni Association to discuss the details of the logo on Tuesday Jan. 14, but because of the blizzard it had to be postponed until the following week.

"I was enthusiastic when I heard about it because it's the twenty-fifth anniversary and you only get one kick at the can. It should be a grand opportunity for everyone involved," he said.

"We want to have the book out by fall 1992.

"The Alumni Association is plan-

ning a number of events for homecoming 1992, and we want to have it ready to be associated with that," he said.

The details of the physical presentation of the book still have to be worked out, however, there are some ideas as to how it should look.

"I'd like it to look interesting enough by shape or color design for display and to be hard cover so it's sort of a keepsake piece. It would also be nice to sell it for \$25 at a buck a year concept.

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Results will be available
Thurs. March 12, 1992

Student recruits young PCs

By Ted Hodgins

The main cafeteria of Conestoga College's Doon campus became more than a place to eat lunch Jan. 13 when a member of the Progressive Conservative Youth Association set up a booth seeking new members.

"We're trying to form a PC youth association for this campus," said John White, Conestoga representative for the group.

White was contacted by members of the PCYA to see if he could generate some interest on campus in the PC party.

"It is important to have a core membership within all the campuses with an election coming up and it's good to have the manpower here if it's needed for the next federal election," said White.

To have a legitimate club membership in the party, a group must have the signatures of at least 10

members.

After getting the signatures they would then elect an executive and adopt a charter. They would then be recognized by both the federal and provincial parties.

"We would have an opportunity to voice our opinion from a Conestoga angle."
— White

Once the group is recognized they would be able to go to conventions and other Tory functions.

"We would have an opportunity to voice our opinion from a Conestoga angle," said White.

White and another member, Carol Bewley, were the only ones that signed up. But White wasn't surprised by the lack of interest.

"We have been set up here for

almost three hours now and we haven't gotten any other names. Within colleges it's tough to get any interest but if you don't try you don't get anywhere," said White.

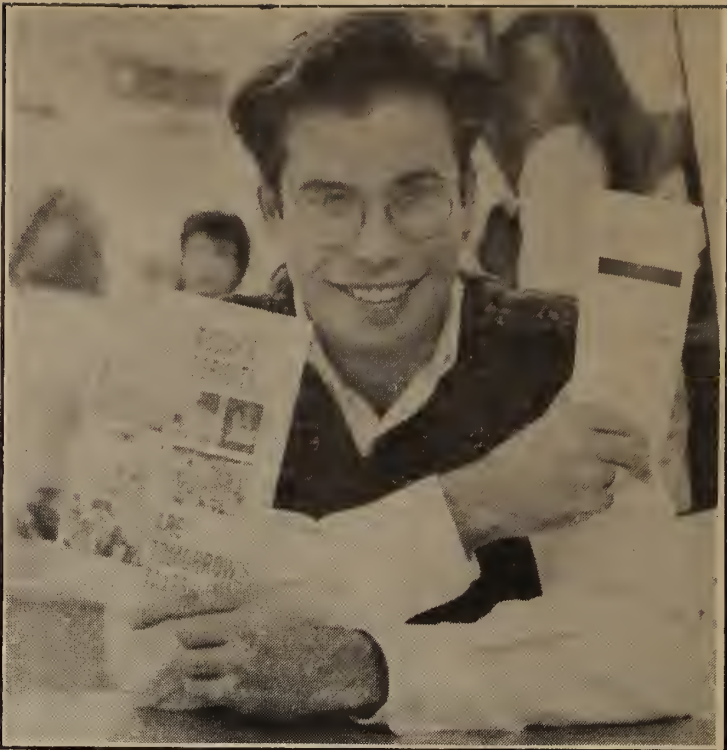
Despite the lack of support here at the campus, White feels that the Tory party has a chance in the next election.

"When people look at the choices of who to vote for, they will come back to the PCs."


"Who has the plans and the agenda? It's the Tories. Right now we're at hard times because the policies that they have implemented will cause short-term problems but we are looking down the road at the future and we are planning for it," said White.

"I feel the PC party can offer the students of Conestoga a Canada with a future."

White may try again in the future to form a branch here at the campus.



John White displays Tory material in the cafeteria.
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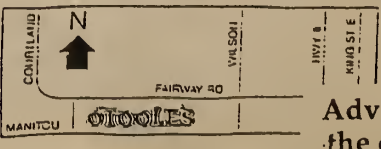

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ENTERTAINMENT

Rhinos bringing musical zoo to Conestoga

By Ryan Hovinga

"Let's face it," says Glen Pelletier, a CHYM disc jockey and lead singer of Sticky Fingers, "rock 'n' roll is almost 40 years old. Everything has pretty well been done. Or so I thought...until I saw these guys."

"These guys" are The Rhinos, Mike Blanchard, Rob Carli, Darren Iles, Steve Kendall and Dan Michel, and they will be playing Conestoga College's Winter Carnival Pub, Feb. 6.

It will be their first visit to the Doon campus but not their first appearance at a school pub.

They have performed at the University of Waterloo several times, the University of Guelph and, in November 1991, they had a Hallowe'en gig at the University of Toronto.

The band is looking forward to the show and for those who have not seen the Rhinos, Michel warns, "Don't come to the show expecting to see a funk band and only that. We play everything. And, of course, it should be a lot of fun."

"Students (of Conestoga College) have supported us in the past," said Blanchard. "It's about time we're playing there, really."

The Rhinos have arguably been Kitchener's most revered and most promising act in the past three years.

They captured first place at the Regional Band Warz at Stages in

August.

Among the prizes was seven hours of free studio time which they utilized Jan. 12.

"We have about 16 tunes that we could put out for release," said Michel. "People who have followed us over the years have been very anxious about us getting a tape out."

"People want to see something new and the Rhinos deliver."
— Armstrong

Their popularity, while it continues to grow locally, has expanded to other parts of the country—they have toured Western Canada twice this year and have recently returned from a mini-tour of Northern Ontario Jan. 16-18.

"People want to hear something new," said Paul Armstrong, ex-member of the Sultans (a band that enlisted Blanchard and Kendall as members), "and the Rhinos deliver."

"They communicate fun in their music and especially on stage," said Pelletier. "They have a unique relationship with their audience—they welcome them to join in the fun."

"They are completely non-intimidating to their audience, unlike most bands who have this attitude of 'Let's be a bad ass.'"

So how would one categorize the

band?

"You can't pigeonhole them," says Armstrong. "Besides being unlike any other band, the thing about the Rhinos is that they are very versatile."

"We like all kinds of music," says Michel, "so we try to incorporate all of it into our music."

With a list of over 50 originally-penned songs (more than enough for one performance), certain influences can be heard but they never overwhelm. They touch upon reggae, funk, folk, rock, swing and psycho-pop—often intertwining them—with electrifying results.

"I don't know any other band that will go from a ska tune to a jazz tune to the Spiderman theme so effectively," says Armstrong.



The Rhinos, pictured from left, Rob Carli, Dan Michel and Mike Blanchard, are playing at Doon campus Feb. 6.

(Photo by Ryan Hovinga)

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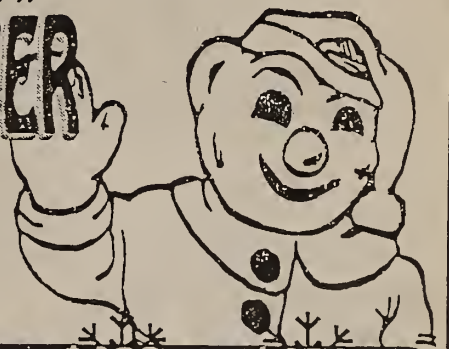
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SPORTS

Hockey Condors clinch play-off berth

By John L. Tachauer

A high-scoring Condor first period and good goaltending helped the Conestoga Condors to a 6-3 victory against Erie Community College on Jan. 15 and a berth in the play-offs to be held this March.

Conestoga had been in the play-offs in each of the past four seasons, but it was the first time in years that the Condors clinched a play-off berth this early in the hockey season.

Goals by Condors Ian Morgan, Darren Kinnear, Faustino Pellegrino and Brett Long gave Conestoga a 4-0 lead late in the first period.

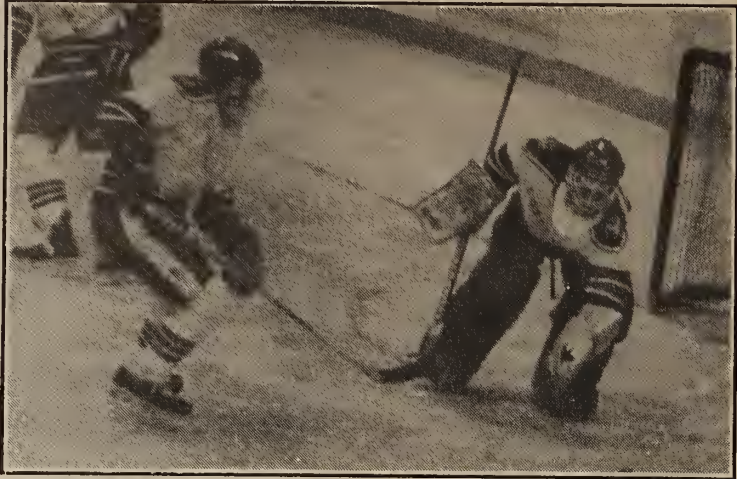
Erie cut the Condor lead to 4-1 after a goal by Brooks Harter to end the first period.

Kyle Brown cut the lead to 4-2 with a goal for Erie, while Condor Todd Francis retaliated with a goal of his own.

Kinnear rounded the scoring for the Condors with his second goal of the game.

Conestoga outshot Erie in the game 98-82.

"(The Condors) are starting to do things well," said Condor coach Dan Young. "Things are starting to



Condor goalie Dave Searles attempts to stop a wide shot as teammate Todd Francis looks on.

(Photo by John L. Tachauer)

come together."

The Condors will have to keep out of the penalty box, he added. "Erie had many powerplay opportunities."

The Condors received 38 minutes of penalties in the game while Erie had 10.

The recent player changes have "most definitely" helped the team, said Young. "They brought experience and speed to the team."

The goaltending was decent as well, he added. "(Dave) Searles did well in securing a lot of the work."

The Condors were next scheduled to play Erie Community College again on Jan. 22.

"To beat them again, we will have to make sure we move the puck and skate with them," said Young.

The Condor record now stands at five wins and four losses as of Jan. 21.

Athletes of the week



Jennifer McKnight

Jennifer McKnight of the women's volleyball Condors has been named female athlete of the week. She led the Condor offense with six hits in the women's weekend tournament.

(Advertisement)



Darren Kinnear of the men's hockey Condors has been named male athlete of the week. He scored two goals and had two assists in the game against Erie.

Panthers pounce on basketball Condors

By John L. Tachauer

Despite outscoring the Canadore Panthers 41-40 in the first half, the Condors fell short, kneeling to defeat 74-65 on January 17 at Conestoga College.

Darren Richmond led the Condor attack in the first half of the game with 15 points while Justin Faubert scored eight, including four penalty points.

The lead changed hands in the second half as Canadore outscored Conestoga 34-24. Faubert led the Condor scoring in the second half with five, for a total of 13.

Hugh Fraser led the Panthers in scoring with 16, including six penalty points, while Rohan Hamilton had 15.

The Condors were next scheduled to play the Mountaineers at Mohawk on Jan. 21.

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